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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, JA, LA, VS, CB

SUBJECT: INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING

SAIGON FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN

REF: A. TOKYO 7525; B. SAIGON 7568

1. DEPARTMENT (EDMOND) HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH IBRD

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(GOODMAN) RE QUESTION INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING. WE

ATTEMPTING PERSUADE BANK TO HOLD JULY 9-10 MEETING ON LAOS AID AND TO PHRASE INVITATIONS SUFFICIENTLY BROADLY SO AS TO PERMIT DISCUSSION VIETNAM AND HOPEFULLY FORMATION OVERALL INDOCHINA GROUP THAT WOULD PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT INDIVIDUAL SUBGROUPS INCLUDING ONE FOR RVN. TOKYO'S REPORT THAT IBRD HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUCH MEETING IS THEREFORE PREMATURE. BANK HAS BEEN SOUNDING OUT MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THEIR REACTIONS AND IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THESE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED AS IBRD DECISION. EDMOND WAS TOLD THAT SWEDEN STILL STRONGLY OPPOSED ANY DISCUSSION OF VIETNAM AND HAS THREATENED TO BOYCOTT MEETING IF SUCH DISCUSSIONS HELD. GOODMAN ASSUMES OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND FINLAND WOULD FOLLOW SUIT IN THAT EVENTUALITY. ATTITUDE OF GERMANY WHICH HE REGARDS AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT STILL UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF LAST CONVERSATION (JUNE 7). IBRD STAFF INTENDS TO CONSULT ADB

AND THEN RAISE QUESTION TO MCNAMARA FOR DECISION WHICH HOPED FOR IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP INTERESTED POSTS ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. SISCO

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